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To whom it may concern:

I wholeheartedly support the settlement agreement reached between the DOJ, the nine states and Microsoft. The time has come to bring resolution to this drawn-out affair and stop the squandering of taxpayer dollars.

It is blatantly obvious that Microsoft's competitors are pressing a handful of states for continued litigation, not "injured" consumers. The reality is that consumers have benefited greatly from Microsoft's innovation and the industry's standardization on Windows as the preferred operating system. The speed and ease of use of personal computers have increased exponentially while the cost to consumers has plummeted. THIS IS A GOOD THING!

The remedies proposed in the DOJ settlement are tough but fair to all parties. Please do not allow a few of Microsoft's competitors to misuse the legal system to compensate for what they could not achieve in the free marketplace.

Thank you!

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